

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given Peter & Barbara Fisher in Honor of their birthdays.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given Paul & Theresa Hayes in Memory of Loved Ones.

**THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE....**is from MARY LOU RILEE. HEBREWS 11:1 NIV "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

**VICAR'S BOOK OF THE MONTH** for April is "Luther's Prayers." You can check it out of the Zion library!

**NUMBER EIGHTEEN...the 18th Women's Bible Study** since Alissa McLellan's self-led Genesis study back in Sept. 2011 **begins April 18!!** Back by very popular demand, **BLESS THESE LIPS** (first offered at Zion in Sept. 2013) is an 8-week Bible study by Sharla Fritz. ALL women are invited to attend. We meet Tuesday nights, 7:15-8:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Previous experience with Bible study or church membership absolutely not required! Please sign up in the narthex or contact Linda at [linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com](mailto:linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com). JOY!

**MUCH GRATITUDE** to all those who have already helped and will help at **TODAY'S TRUSTEE SPRING WORK DAY** to get the parsonage and church grounds ready for the arrival of Pastor Grimenstein and his family! You are so appreciated!

**CHURCH REVELRY IN THE WORKS...the ALL-CHURCH SPRING COOKOUT** is **SUNDAY, MAY 21st**, right after second service. Expect good eats, good company, good times!

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES** annual Fashion Show will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Butler Country Club starting at 10am. Enjoy lunch and a fashion show! See flyer in the narthex for more details.

**UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY** with Pastor Grimenstein will be on the Gospel according to Luke. Join Pastor on Sunday morning between services starting April 23<sup>rd</sup>! Coffee and donuts always served during this bible study!!

**WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.

**CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

**NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the [ZLCB.org](http://ZLCB.org) website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlcb.org/sermons](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship!

In our text today from the Gospel of John we encounter a few surprises and incredible comfort. One such surprise is that Jesus weeps. You may know "Jesus wept" as the shortest verse in the Bible, but have you ever thought about it? Why did Jesus cry? Were either of the Jews' assessments of our Lord's tears correct?

The other surprise, of course, comes as Lazarus is raised from the dead. This event points us to the resurrection of Jesus and the resurrection of all flesh on the last day. There are some similarities and differences between those three resurrections that we will explore in our sermon today. As you hear this wonderful word that Jesus is the resurrection and the life, consider that this good news gives you hope each and every day, hope of a future with your Lord.

May God bless your worship!

Vicar Joshua



**ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

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☑ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen.**

☑ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

☑ **who made heaven and earth.**

☑ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

☑ **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

☑ Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

☑ **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

☑ Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

☑ Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*  
is the death | of his saints.

I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.  
Because he inclined his | ear to me,\*  
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.  
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*  
I suffered distress and | anguish.  
Then I called on the name | of the LORD:\*  
"O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"  
For you have delivered my | soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.  
**☩ Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
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is the death | of his saints.

## Kyrie

**☩ Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

☩ The Lord be with you.

**☩ And also with you.**

☩ Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☩ Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

## Ezekiel 37:1–14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

## Romans 8:1–11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

**V** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping,



and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

❑ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🕊 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**Sermon Hymn – When Peace, Like a River**

**763**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

**V** Taught by our Lord and trusting his promises we are bold to pray...

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;**

**give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and  
ever. Amen.**

## **Offering**

*If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by. Please stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.*

## **Offertory**

**8:00 am – Children’s Choir**

**10:30 am – Adult Choir**

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**V** Let us bless the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**V** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**G** **Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn – My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

**702**

### **Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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## Prayer Request for Family & Friends

### **The Church:**

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, Jim Lynch, George and Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Dorothy Smelko, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.

-Healing for Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Roxanne Burgh, Henry Dittmer, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Lois Klemash, Nancy Spotti, Bob Rondinelli, Aly Mance, Robin Dunbar, Diane Scandolari, Ezra Hildebrand, Reggie Ford, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Sammy's Dad, Bruce Klemash, Vinny, Dave Hutula, Dom Santaguída, Dale Ferry and Bruce Gain.

-For Rev. Edward Grimenstein as he prepares to become Zion's next pastor.

-For our missionaries, especially the Naumanns, Lohmeyers, and Dukes.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool

### **Thanksgiving:**

-Thankfulness for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

### **The World:**

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

### **Our Nation:**

-For those in Foster Care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work is dangerous, especially Jared Fitzgerald.

- For godly care of the earth

† *Service Participants* †

Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Mike Sterba & Mike Wallace
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Leah Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Wayne & Kathleen Conn (8:00) Robb & Alaina Oelschlager (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop (8:00) Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager Sam Dragan, Vince Kimberland (10:30) Bill Koester, Chuck LaJeunesse
Altar Guild:	Debbie LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich & Carolyn Wible
Nursery:	Jenny & Jodi Fitzgerald & Susie Bishop

**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/26) – 197

Lenten Mid-week Service Attendance (3/29) – 44

Sunday Offering (3/26) - \$4,699.10

Lenten Service Offering - \$ 261.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

# Week of April 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>

<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 4/2</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting 11:45 AM – Trustee Work Day</p>
<p><b>MONDAY</b> 4/3</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Confirmation 7:30 PM – Trustees Meeting</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 4/4</p>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> 4/5</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Lenten Midweek Service</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 4/6</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 4/7</p>	
<p><b>SATURDAY</b> 4/8</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 4/9  <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>  <b>FOOD BANK COLLECTION</b></p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir 2:00 PM – Installation Service of Pastor Grimenstein</p>

# Trustee Spring Work Day

**TODAY**



## Sunday, April 2nd

Join us **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** for a Trustee Spring Work Day!

There are lots of projects both inside and outside to complete for men, women and children of all ages. Our primary focus will be getting both the interior and exterior of the parsonage ready for the arrival of Pastor Grimenstein and his family. Interior work will focus on giving the home a good, deep cleaning from top to bottom and the exterior work will focus on the clean up of the parsonage grounds and the mulching of the parsonage beds and various other beds around the church property.

The exterior work is certainly weather dependent, but the interior work will go on regardless of the forecast!

The Work Day will get started immediately following the late service so bring a lunch, some cleaning supplies and yard work tools and help us demonstrate good stewardship of the beautiful property we are so blessed to call our church home!

See John or Carrie Lemonovich or email us ([lemonoje@gmail.com](mailto:lemonoje@gmail.com) or [clemonovich@yahoo.com](mailto:clemonovich@yahoo.com)) with questions.

# Help Wanted - Zion Treasurer Position



As many of you know, the Luedeman family will be relocating to Florida. This means we are looking for a new Treasurer to replace Kim. The Treasurer is responsible for all cash disbursements and maintaining accurate books. In addition, full financial reports are prepared for monthly council meetings. The Treasurer coordinates with the outside payroll company, budget process and uses the Sheppard Staff software. There is a stipend for this position. If you would be interested in learning more about this position please see Kim Luedeman or Bob Schmidt.